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SUBJ: US STATEMENT PROTESTING PLO PARTICIPATION IN

SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES,

NOV 1

1. AMB BENNETT DELIVERED U.S. STATEMENT (PARA 3) CALLING
FOR VOTE ON PROPOSAL TO INVITE PLO OBSERVER TO TAKE PART IN
SC DEBATE ON NOVEMBER 1. VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH RESULTS:
11-1(US)-3 (UK, FRANCE, AND ITALY). SWEDISH PERMREP READ
BRIEF EXPLANATION OF VOTE STATEMENT, NOTING THAT SWEDISH
GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMATE NATIONAL INTEREST OF
PALESTINIAN ARABS INCLUDES RECOGNITION OF THEIR RIGHT TO BE
HEARD IN INTERNATIONAL DEBATES. SWEDISH STATEMENT CONCLUDED
THAT DECISION BY SC TO LET ONE PARTY TO A CONFLICT, WHICH
IS NOT A STATE, PARTICIPATE IN THE SC DEBATES IMPLIES
AN EXPECTATION THAT THIS PARTY ACCEPT THE SAME RESPONSIBILITIES
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OF A MEMBER STATE, THAT IS TO RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY

AND INTEGRITY OF MEMBER STATES AND TO REFRAIN FROM THREAT OR USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

2. SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP OVINNIKOV ASKED FOR FLOOR TO COMPLAIN THAT THE VOTE ON SEATING THE PLO, RESULTING FROM U.S. INSISTENCE, WAS WITHOUT PRACTICAL OR POLITICAL SENSE. OVINNIKOV ADDED THAT U.S. STUBBORNNESS IN CALLING FOR A VOTE IS NEGATIVE AS IT IS WIDELY UNDERSTOOD MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT CANNOT TAKE PLACE WITHOUT PEOPLE OF PALESTINE"THE SOONER THE U.S. UNDERSTANDS THIS THE BETTER IT WILL BE." (NOTE: OVINNIKOV'S TERSE REMARKS MAY NOT BE UNRELATED TO SOVIET REACTION TO THE U.S. POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF THE SOVIET NON-USE OF FORCE INITIATIVE.)

3. STATE MENT:

QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT,

MY DELEGATION IS NOT ABLE TO AGREE TO YOUR PROPOSAL TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN THE DEBATE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH THE SAME RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION AS A MEMBER STATE WOULD HAVE UNDER RULE 37 OF OUR RULES OF PROCEDURE.

WE REALIZE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED THIS PROCEDURE ON FOUR OCCASIONS THIS YEAR BUT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE RULES OF PROCEDURE. THE U.S. WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE COUNCIL'S GRANTING THE PLO A HEARING UNDER RULE 39; THAT WOULD BE THE CORRECT PROCEDURE, IT IS A PROCEDURE THAT HAS BEEN USED OVER THIRTY YEARS ON SIMILAR OCCASIONS.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS THAT THIS PROPOSAL BE PUT TO A VOTE.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. UNQUOTE
BENNETT

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